

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join Congressman BOYLE, Congressman EVANS, and me, in honoring and commending Patrick Eiding of the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO, as we celebrate his retirement and dedication to serving the organization and their many working families throughout his career.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS
SCHROEDER

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Nicholas Schroeder, a firefighter with Garden City, Michigan Fire Department on his promotion to Lieutenant.

Nicholas Schroeder has served the Garden City Fire Department since November of 2013. He decided to pursue a career in public service after graduating from Gabriel Richard Riverview High School in 2010. He attended Schoolcraft College for emergency medical technician (EMT) and paramedic training, as well as the fire academy. He worked in the private sector after completion of his training, and at the age of 21, he joined the Garden City Fire Department as a firefighter-paramedic.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Nicholas has served on multiple committees and taken numerous trainings, most notably the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Fire Investigation 1 & 2 with the Michigan State Police, and firefighter safety and survival. After a competitive testing process, completing pump operations training, and working in the capacity of acting engineer, Garden City and the 12th Congressional District are proud to congratulate Nicholas on his exceptional training and experiences to take on this new role. Not only has Nicholas been dedicated to public service for our district, he also enjoys spending time with his family, including wife Chelsey and twin daughters.

Please join me in recognizing Nicholas Schroeder for his outstanding service to the people of Garden City in Michigan's 12th District Strong as we congratulate him on his new role.

CELEBRATING THE APPOINTMENT
OF FRANK WHITE III TO CEO OF
THE KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense pride that I rise today to recognize and celebrate the appointment of Frank White III as the new Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) CEO, via a unanimous vote by the KCATA Board of Commissioners. An experienced leader, innovative thinker, and dedicated professional, it is clear why Frank has been given such profound responsibility.

Frank's journey with KCATA began in 2016 as a Senior Marketing Manager, where his dedication to the Agency and the community it

serves was recognized by many. He rose through the ranks to achieve positions such as Chief Marketing Officer, a role in which he earned three first place American Public Transportation Association AdWheel Awards; Director of Strategic Planning and Development; and vice president of RideKC Development Corporation. Frank continued to grow within the industry and in 2019 he graduated from the Eno Transportation Senior Executive Program, a prestigious transportation leadership development program.

Frank stands out as a trailblazer in the community and opens a new door as the first African American CEO in the storied history of KCATA. His role is crucial to the local economy and essential to the everyday lives of thousands in the Missouri-Kansas bi-state area. He continues to prepare us for the future, working to make the public transportation system more efficient and effective for current and future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Frank White III in his new position of CEO of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority. Having known Frank for many years, his recent accomplishments come as no surprise to me. Frank holds himself to a standard of excellence that is contagious to those around him—one of the many qualities that make him a great leader. The future of KCATA and the livelihoods of thousands in the bi-state area are in good hands.

REMEMBERING LEE LARKEY

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Lee Larkey, of Avon, Minnesota, who passed away on December 15, 2022.

Lee was born in Great Falls, Montana on July 15, 1939. Though he was born in Montana, Lee was a faithful and devoted Minnesotan who dedicated his life to the service of others. After graduating from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota in 1961, Lee joined the United States Air Force. During his time in the service, he rose to the rank of Captain and was honorably discharged in November of 1972.

Following his time in the Air Force, Lee began work as a Revenue Agent for the Internal Revenue Service. After his retirement, he continued to help friends and family prepare tax returns and negotiate resolutions to difficult tax cases.

Lee spent countless hours championing the pro-life movement through his involvement with Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. At the Minnesota State Capitol and at the U.S. Capitol, Lee advocated on behalf of the unborn and fought for the rights of the most vulnerable in our society. He was also an active member of the Republican Party at the state and local levels. Members of our office will remember Lee as an engaged constituent and a passionate advocate for limited government and fiscal responsibility.

Outside of politics, Lee enjoyed spending time in his garden with his wife, where they grew a variety of herbs and vegetables together. He was also an active beekeeper, rais-

ing bees and selling their honey through his business, Honey Hut.

Lee dedicated his life to the service of his country, his family, friends, and community. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. On behalf of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, we offer our sincerest condolences to Bernadette and the rest of the Larkey family, and pray that Lee's memory will comfort their family during this difficult time.

HONORING THE ASHLAND AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2023
MEMBER AWARD WINNERS

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce in Ashland, Ohio, will hold its annual awards banquet this Thursday, March 9. I am honored to commend to the House this year's recipients, who were selected based on business performance, customer service, community involvement, and promotion of Ashland County:

Small Business of the Year: The South Street Grille, Sean and Carly Little, owners.

Manufacturing/Industrial Business of the Year: Cowen Truck Line, Tim Cowen, President.

Professional Services Business of the Year: Directions Credit Union, Jill Comer, Branch Manager.

Health and Medical Services Organization of the Year: Brethren Care Village, Mindy Scurluck, Chief Executive Officer.

Non-Profit and Social Services Organization of the Year: Appleseed Community Mental Health Center, Jerry Strausbaugh, Executive Director.

Hospitality and Recreation Services Business of the Year: The Salvation Army Kroc Center—Ashland, Billy and Annalise Francis, Officers.

In addition, these four area young professionals have been selected as winners of the 4 Under 40 Award for their leadership potential and commitment to long-term career excellence:

Brianna Noel, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones.

Angela Ringler, President, Advantage Marketing.

Brittany Reep, Chief Financial Officer, Ashland County Community Foundation.

Stephen Knowlton, Integrator and Director of Innovation, Spire.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I am pleased to join in the accolades for all of these distinguished professionals and thank them for their dedication to Ashland.

HONORING THE 100 YEAR HISTORY
OF CURWOOD CASTLE

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a full century since the construction of a legendary landmark on the banks of